

matter, which well deserves the attention of the members and friends of the Institution. A second edition was called for in a very short time after the publication of the first. Our readers are referred to that volume for many interesting particulars, not included in the letters which appeared in the 25th number of this work.

Journey from Pella, to explore the Mouth of the Orange River, the Great Namaqua and Damara Countries, by Mr. H. Schmelen, undertaken at the request of Mr. Campbell, when at Pella.

April 13, 1814.—After commending ourselves to God by prayer, we left Pella at five P. M. but could not proceed far, in consequence of a fall of rain.

14.—The way being strewed over with large stones, was very troublesome—had twice to repair damage which the waggon had sustained. Halted at a fountain called Namiais.

15.—Having repaired and repacked the waggon, we proceeded over a steep mountain, where we had to hold back the waggon by cords while it was descending. In the evening we reached the Great [or Orange] River, and travelled several hours along its banks, till we reached Handaus, where some of our people had made gardens last year, into which they had conducted water from the Great River. There are several islands formed here by the river, but they are too elevated for leading water into them.

16.—Having crossed Hartebeast River, which was dry, we halted to examine an island, which we found to contain about 30 acres of land: the soil, which appears to be good, produces at present only a few bushes. It rises about 40 feet above the river on the west side, and 12 feet on the east, the rise from which to the west is gradual. It does not appear that the river, even in floods, ever covers it. Saw a grey serpent, about two yards in length, and about the thickness of a man's leg. Went forward in the afternoon, and travelled the greater part of the night over mountains and beds of rivers, and halted opposite two small islands.

April 17.—There are considerable portions of land capable of cultivation, without leading water from the river. Was joined by several additional people from Pella.

18.—Was obliged to leave the river, and take a circuitous course round mountains.

19.—Had to ascend a high sandy mountain, and halted at Nanauwiss.

20.—Was visited by some people from a place called Henkeriss, to whom I preached the word of life; several of them had been at Warm Bath settlement, and I advised them to join the mission at Pella; but this they could not promise, without the consent of their chief. Passed over a large plain, covered with grass and heath, and halted at Hartebeest Fountain.

21.—Went towards Klip Fountain—the hills are lower, and more covered with bushes than those in the vicinity of the river. Farther than this my people were ignorant of the road.

22.—Found a man belonging to a neighbouring kraal, who was acquainted with the way towards the mouth of the river, which was only about two days journey further. This man could not comprehend his having a soul, nor had he any idea of the existence of a greater Being than man; but after our worship, he professed a strong desire for further instruction.

23.—With difficulty passed over a steep mountain.

24.—Visited a small kraal.

25.—Went on horseback to explore two islands, said to be in the Great River. At night came to a place where water was obtained by digging. Found two old gardens.

26.—Two Bushmen came to us in the morning, who spoke also of the two islands, but would not accompany us as guides; but before parting from them, I held the following conversation :

“ Did you ever hear of Missionaries being in this country ?”
 “ No.”—“ Did you ever hear of God, or of Jesus Christ ?”
 “ No.”—“ What actions do you think good, and what bad ?”
 “ All we do are good, none bad.”—“ Did you ever drink more beer than you ought to do ?” “ Yes.”—“ Is this a good work ?”

“No, this is bad, which we must confess.”—“What is the sun, who put it there, who keeps it from falling on you?” “Indeed we do not know, but have often wondered at it before.”—“Do you suppose men made the sun, moon, stars, mountains, woods, sea, &c.?” “We know not.”—I informed them that God had made all these things, and kept them in order, and that this God loves us, and had sent his only Son into the world, to redeem us from our sins, that we might be happy after this life.—They answered, “This we love to hear; it is pleasant to us.” On asking if it was their body that thought, or something else, they laughed; which led me to inform them it was their soul, which was immortal; that all men would rise again, and be examined by God, concerning the kind of lives they had lived in the world—but this they did not seem to believe.

At length we came in sight of the sea, which my people had never seen before, and were afraid to approach it, in consequence of the roaring of it, from the breaking of its waves. The two islands lie very near the shore at the mouth of the river: they appear very barren; small fish appear to be abundant. No human being lives here—only a few Bushmen visit it in the dry season, when they cannot find food in the interior, when they live chiefly on the oysters, which they gather easily from the rocks. The air is cooler than in the interior. Finding no fresh water near the shore, I was obliged to return to my waggon in the evening.

April 27.—Pursued our journey about twenty miles distant from the sea, and in the morning came to a fountain, or pool of water.

28.—Departed in the afternoon, and soon lost our way, and wandered hither and thither most of the night, and stopped without water.

29.—In great difficulties all day, no water for our cattle.

30.—Three Bushmen directed us how to find the river; though I gave them tobacco, yet they would not act as our guides to the river. In the evening we halted near the Great River, to which we sent our oxen, which had been without water for three days.

May 1.—On our way to Berly's kraal, most of the people met us on the road, to hear the word of God, which they never heard before. The chief said he had once designed to join the mission at Warm Bath, but was afraid of Africaner.

2.—After preaching, a man told my interpreter that he had heard something now he had not heard before, viz. that he had an immortal soul, which he never could understand before. A young woman said she prayed God to forgive her sins.

3.—The chief lent me twenty-four oxen and four horses, to examine the country near the mouth of the river. We travelled along the side of the river, which was extremely barren—sand and gravel. In the evening came to five huts; the people were kind, bringing plenty of milk—they were glad that I visited their country with a view to send instructors. A woman expressed much desire for instruction for herself and her children. They said, if instructors came to their country, they would remain at one place, and were willing to live on fish.

4.—Reached the mouth of the river in the evening. The ground fertile, and there are various islands in the river, some of which seem fitted for producing corn. In great swellings of the river they are overflowed, except some rising grounds on them—but these inundations render them fertile. There are no trees within a day's journey of the sea, but there are many trees scattered about the mouth of the river, brought down by the floods. The many sand-banks would render it difficult for shipping to enter the river, which is about four miles wide at the entrance. The tide goes but a little way up the river, as we found the water sweet around the islands. Fish, wild ducks, geese, &c. abound. I attempted to cross the river on horseback, but when about the middle, the horse sunk into a quicksand, and I fell into the river, but was mercifully preserved. I afterwards crossed on a raft of timber. Some parts seem fertile: on one island I observed that some Bushmen had been there, and had caught some fish. Recrossed the river in the evening.

7.—Went to a neighbouring kraal, where I heard there

was a kraal on the other side of the river, containing seventeen houses, to which I sent over one of my people as a messenger. Some of them, with their chief, came to the river side next day, but only one came across to us, as the west wind was high: he said there were no fountains very near, but if instructors came near them they would attend, but would not go higher up, for he said he had just left the people there with whom he had been fighting every day.

May 9.—Returned to Berly's kraal.

11.—Left part of my luggage to their care till I should return from my journey up Great Namaqua Country, and in the evening departed to the river, in order to cross it.

12.—During the day we crossed the river on floats, composed of the willow tree.

14.—Brought over our oxen without injury, though the stream was rapid, and travelled along the banks of the river to the west.

GREAT NAMAQUA COUNTRY.

May 15.—Found three bastard Hottentots living here, who had just returned from an excursion, and informed us that some Bushmen had attacked the kraal of Fleremius, and carried off his oxen and sheep, and likewise that the Gandamas, and the Kei Keup, a tribe of Namaquas, were at war.

16.—Left the river, and travelled northward most part of the night, having a Bushman for our guide. The country through which we passed was covered with bushes and grass. We halted in a valley, surrounded by hills—at the top of one of them we found water.

17.—Attempted to take our cattle to the water, but found it impossible, from its steepness, and the great stones in the way. Went forward, and came to a little spring of water, but during the whole night my people could only give drink to ten oxen—cannot approach the sea, because no fountains near it. Our guide has left us.

18.—In the evening came to the bed of a river, where we obtained water by digging.

May 19.—My people seem much affected by the word; they say they have no rest in the night-time, if they awake, till they run to the bushes to pray, and to give themselves to Jesus Christ.

20.—Travelled in a dry river called Hainap, or river in which bushes grow. A small river joins it in the rainy season; coming from the south, the Hainap runs westward to the sea. Halted at water we found in a hollow stone.

21.—Conversation with our Bushman guide:

“Have you heard of Missionaries being in this country?”
 “No.”—“Did you ever hear of God, or of Jesus Christ?”
 “Yes, I have, from people I’ve lately seen, called Clootre.”—
 “Would you like to be instructed?” “Yes; what I have heard from you is my life.”—“Have you a wife and children?”
 “Yes.”—“Do you think it is good for them to be instructed also?” “Yes, particularly my children.”—“What will you say to them when you go home?” “I shall tell them the good things I have heard from you.”—“Do you teach your children any thing?” “Yes.”—“What do you teach them?”
 “I teach them to work, and not to do bad things?”—
 “What is the sun?” “I know not.”—“Who put it there?”
 “God.”—“When the sun is above our heads, how is it that it does not fall on us?” “Indeed I do not know.”—“Do you believe that man consists of soul and body?” “Yes, I do.”—“Does soul and body die together?” “No, our soul cannot die.” He added, “when our soul is taken from us, we say he is dead.”—“Who takes the soul from us?” “God.”
 —“Do you think it wonderful that all men shall rise again from the dead, and be examined before God?” “I believe it is so as you say.”

In the afternoon we pursued our journey in a dry river—some parts the road extremely bad, from mountains, rocks, and bushes. The Bushman became sick, and left us. Could find no water where we halted.

22.—Found a little water for ourselves, but none for the oxen; but in the afternoon came to Hans Fountain. No human being seems to live in this part of the country.

23.—Travelled all night over bad road.

24.—Came to Korn hāü River, where we got water by digging.

May 25.—Shot a camel-leopard.

26.—Employed in cutting up the camel-leopard, and drying the flesh in the sun.

27.—Last night and to-day it has rained much, which hindered our proceeding, and confined me to my waggon.

28.—Travelled in the bed of Koein Kaip River, where we found a few camel-trees. Obtained water by digging.

29.—Came to Kobus-kraal; they rejoiced I was come to explore their country, and expressed a desire to be instructed.

30.—About fifty people attended morning worship. They say many people live at a distance from them. In the forenoon three Bushmen visited us, with whom I held the following conversation :

“Where do you come from?” “There”—pointing to the east. “What is the object of your journey?” “We came here because we heard last night from one of our children that a teacher should come, and now we are curious to know what you will tell us.”—“Did you ever hear of Missionaries before?” “No; never.”—“Did you ever hear of God, or of Jesus Christ?” “Nothing else than what we heard from you this morning, and what your people have told us.”—“Are all your actions good?” “I think some are good, and others bad.” On telling them various things about the sun, and asking if ever they thought about these things before, one answered, “No, I am stupid.”—“Is it your flesh and blood that thinks?” “I think it is my body.”—“Did you ever see a dead man that could think or speak?” “No. Therefore it cannot be our body, it must be something else;”—on which one said, “I think there must be something in us that leaves the body when people die, and thus I think it must be.”—“What do you mean by something within us that leaves us when we die, what is it?” “Indeed I cannot tell what it is.” On which I explained it. “What would you think if all who ever died should rise again, and appear before God?” “Indeed this is far above my comprehension; I become stupid.”—“Do you teach your children any thing?” After pausing a long time, he said, “I teach them not to do bad things, to fight or quarrel.”—“Have you ever been near the sea?” “No, but other Bushmen have.”—“Do you know any considerable

fountain about this part?" "No, except Klip Fountain, where you will be to-night."—Departed in the afternoon, accompanied by these Bushmen—the ground level, covered with grass. Arrived at Klip Fountain.

May 31.—This fountain is the strongest I have seen in this country. There is another equally strong, about a mile distant. The ground in the immediate neighbourhood of both might be cultivated. A kraal of Great Namaquas reside here in the dry season.

June 1.—Examined Kooweep River, which was dry, where there is ground that might be productive, if the proper season were selected for sowing. Upon the whole, Klip Fountain appears a good station for a mission.

2.—Conversed with Kobus, the chief. "What time have you most rain in this country?" "When the trees begin to blossom, then we have thunder-storms for three or four days." "Have you no other rains?" "Yes, we have rains from the north, sometimes greater."—"Does this place belong to you?" "Yes, I bought it for five rolls of tobacco."—"Is the man satisfied with this price?" "Yes, he is."—"Where is he now?" "He is not far from here."—"How long have you been here?" "Ten years."—"Did you always live in peace with the surrounding tribes?" "Yes, I never had yet any quarrel with them."—"Are you and your people willing to be instructed?" "Yes, I have long desired it."—"Are you willing to give Klip Fountain for a missionary station?" "Yes, with all my heart."—"Will you permit strangers to come also to it, to be instructed?" "Yes, every one who will may come and live here."—"From what tribe are the people who live nearest to you?" "They are from the Little Kaup."—"What time do they come here?" "In the hot season."—"Are they peaceable?" "Yes, they are very good."—"How many are there?" "I do not know, but there is a kraal."—"Do they make gardens?" "Yes, they plant tobacco, dagga, &c."

I requested him to accompany me up the country. Departed in the afternoon, and travelled over a plain, covered with grass, and arrived at night at the kraal of Fleremius.

3.—Conversed with the chief Fleremius. I asked, "Do you and your people desire to be instructed?" "Yes, we do."

—“Where have you formerly resided?” “In Hamiss and Hairehewest.”—“Why did you leave that place?” “M. Sydenfaden left us.”—“Why did he leave you?” “The fountain was not sufficient.”—“How long have you been in this part of the country?” “A year.”—“As you was formerly instructed by our Missionary, Sydenfaden, have you ever told any of your neighbours what you were taught?” “I cannot tell what I said, but I told them about God and our Lord Jesus Christ.”—“Did you observe they had a desire to be instructed?” “I cannot say of them all, but Tsanmap has a great desire.”—“Have you a place to settle on?” “No, I have not.”—“Will you remove to Klip Fountain, if a Missionary come there?” “Yes, I will.”—I asked Kobus, the chief at Klip Fountain, who came with me, “Are you satisfied that Fleremius and his people come to your place to settle?” “Yes, I am.”—“Are both of you willing to assist in erecting a place to instruct in?” “Yes, we are.”—“Have any of you been near the sea?” “No.” I promised to get H. Goeiman, one of our native converts at Pella, and a relation of theirs, to come to Klip Fountain, and begin instruction, till a Missionary should come from England, with which they seemed well pleased.

June 6.—Departed in the evening.

7.—Obliged, on halting in the night, to keep our oxen near us for fear of the lions, &c. There are four fountains where we are halting, and good ground for corn.

9.—Conversed with a Namaqua, called Naugamap. I asked, “Have you ever heard of God, or of Jesus Christ?” “Yes, what you and your people have told me, but nothing before.”—“Do you desire to hear more of it?” “Yes, very much.”—“What will you say to your people when you get home?” “I shall run before you, and tell them you are coming.”—“But I intend going myself?” “To some you may, but others are in dens and holes, where you cannot go; but I shall tell them that they must come to you, and hear you tell them good things.”—“Did you ever hear of Missionaries being in this country?” “Not before I heard you were coming.”—“What works do you call good?” “I think all the works I do in peace are good, and all I do in disturbing

peace are bad."—" You believe there is a God ; but did you always believe this ?" " I did not know it certain, but supposed there must be a higher being than man, who has put the sun there, and preserved my life."—" Do you wish to be instructed ?" " Yes, very much."—" Did you and your people speak of it before ?" " Yes ; our chief, Tsanmap, and several more, desire to be instructed, but not all of them have a desire ; but if the chief can get a teacher, then those who do not desire it must submit to it."—" Do you know any considerable fountains in this country ?" " Not here ; but on the other side of the Fish River there are several small fountains, and a large one, called Zwartmorast."—" Have you ever been near the sea ?" " Yes, once, when I was a child ; at that time we found a fountain there, called Oegrawip, but now there is no more a fountain, for I heard there is now only digging water."—" Is it your body that thinks ?" " I think God has given me the *think* where I shall go and what I shall do."—" You know that you have a soul ?" " Yes, I believe that I have a soul, and that God has given it me." He added, " Before you and your people came I was dead ; but since I have seen you my heart leaps for joy, and I am getting alive again."—" Who told you that you had a soul, or how did you find it out ?" " Nobody has told it me, but it appears to me as if God had told it to me. I cannot explain it otherwise."—" Do you think it wonderful that all men shall rise again from the dead, and be examined by God ?" " It is wonderful for me, and I think that all wicked people shall be punished at that day, and good people shall have joy." " Can you tell me what your soul is ?" " I do not know ; but think it is that which tells me what is good and what is bad." " Do you think your soul dies ?" " No, I do not think so."—" But where does the soul go to when we die ?" " I think when a man dies the soul goes to God."—" Do you think that the souls of good and bad people go to God ?" " Yes, I do think so."—" But you know that good and bad people do not always agree ; how shall it be with them when they go to God ?" " They must agree ; God does not suffer them to quarrel and fight." Being interrupted, I was obliged to end the conversation.

Travelled along the Koankwaip river, which was dry, and halted where was a little water in a hollow part of the river. Passed a kraal where people had lived during the rainy season; there were two huts similar to those of the Damara nation. They were about twenty-four feet in circumference, the entrance so low, that a grown person must creep into it—poles about the thickness of a man's leg were stuck in the ground as supporters of a roof of bushes, also bushes around; the whole covered with grass.

(*To be continued.*)

Extract of a Letter from Mr. Anderson, Griqua Town, (formerly called Klaar Water,) South Africa, giving an Account of that Settlement for the Year 1813.

THE visit of our brethren was a means of rousing us, and an awakening began to discover itself while they were even here. Shortly after they left us, and we commenced the experience meeting, with frequent visits to the houses of the people, a remarkable change discovered itself, both among old and young. Many came to our houses, distressed in mind, asking direction. It was most affecting to hear them relate their former conduct.

Willen Berend said, "I never thought of any thing but hunting, that was all my delight; and when I came to hear the word, I was glad when it was done. I was also an enemy in my heart; but now I am convinced that I must have the Lord Jesus Christ, or my soul will be lost for ever."

Leintze Gojeman came in one evening, and sat down. I asked her what she would have. She said, bursting into tears, "My sins are many—too many! I shall be lost!" I told her she might think so; but I could assure her that Jesus Christ is a great Saviour, able to save to the uttermost. She exclaimed, "I have listened to the devil. I was once under conviction, and began to pray; but something said to me, Leave off; you are too young: you have no sins, I will help you:—and I listened to this. Now I know it was the